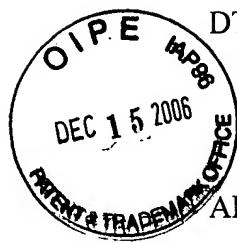


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In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 25, 2006, please amend and consider the above-identified patent application as follows: